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NCC Horizons Expand In 1988 *New Community Network Responds To Growing Needs Of Our Time*

January of 1988 found New Community focusing on the continuing need for low income housing but we cannot report any great change in this year which would address that need. A change of attitude is still necessary before the people who have lived through Newark's difficult years can grasp hope.

The Federal government remains the major significant source of hope for funds for deep subsidy. The State still needs a dedicated source of funds for housing development, and the city needs to realize the poor must be treated as a separate group for housing consideration.

The good news however begins with the New Community Employment Center which found jobs for just over 1,000 people in 1987 and raised that total to almost 1500 for 1988.

Demolition for the Pathmark supermarket began in February and despite many obstacles is almost complete. 1989 should include a grand opening celebration.

The Homemaker Home Health Aides program provided for over 80 people during '88 allowing them to stay out of institutions and remain comfortably in their own homes.

Leadership was also a focus during 1988, with two separate Leadership Institutes sending 25 men and women from the New Community Network into the orbit of trained speakers with recognized leadership skills.

A job training program for homeless men initiated at NC Douglass Harrison provided support services and housing as well as renovation of the Douglass-Harrison apartments by the trainees and rehabilitation of a building to be used as a Parent-Child Center for infants with HIV Infection.

A ceremonial opening of another example of teamwork, a 31 unit apartment building rehabilitated under New Jersey's Mt. Laurel housing credit policy, was held in July at the Sussex Avenue site, however bureaucratic delays have kept its doors closed until now. (See story page 1.)

August brought a proposal for a creative partnership between Hartz Mountain Industries and New Community Corporation to provide transitional housing for families. Ground was broken for the new unit called Harmony House, October 20th.

St. Rose School has found an increased participation by its parents this year and has introduced new educational opportunities for its students.

A Babyland Parent and Child Center for infants and toddlers with AIDS was dedicated in October and will provide specialized day care for the infected babies and toddlers. Also introduced at Babyland was a HEAD START Program for teenage mothers and fathers and their children.

The year 1988 was a milestone for Babyland which came into existence 20 years before. It was also the 25th

Anniversary of Msgr. Wm. J. Linder's ordination and the year he officially placed Ph.D. behind his name at Fordham University. He was also designated a deputy grand marshal of the Black Heritage Day Parade in Newark — the first white man so honored.

The St. Rose Parish gave its 100th year a grand celebration with International Nights, Nights of Prayer and a closing liturgy con-celebrated by Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick, Bishop Joseph A. Francis and Msgr. Wm. J. Linder. The parish is a sure

sign of a church changing with the times and continuing to serve its people.

With the first Employee Recognition Day honoring 28 longtime employees in November, New Community's year came to a close.

Certainly much ground was broken for new ventures which affirm the New Community Network belief that human dignity cannot be measured in dollars.

Let us pray 1989 brings us renewed hope.

Tax Abatement Releases 31 Units Of Affordable Housing



The completion ceremonies for NCC's Sussex Avenue Apartments took place in July, 1988. The passage of the tax abatement will now clear the way for occupancy.

At a meeting of the Newark Municipal Council on December 29, 1988, approval was given for a 30 year tax abatement on New Community's 31 unit apartment building — NC Roseville Gardens — located on Sussex Avenue.

New Community extends its heart felt thanks to State Senator/West Ward Councilman Ronald L. Rice for leading the way along with the Mayor and Council for the final approval. His untiring efforts to make these affordable units available are appreciated by all.

Mary Smith, treasurer of the board of trustees of New Community said, "I just feel great that New Community was able to provide low-income

housing in a climate where even the Federal government is doing little to provide housing for its most needy citizens."

The building is a marvelous example of teamwork since the town of Denville, New Jersey provided its affordable housing obligations through the Mt. Laurel policy, to Newark and Bellemead Development Corporation of Roseland. Bellemead in a gesture of good corporate citizenship in turn provided a subsidy of \$10,000 a unit to the rehabilitation project. (See story Clarion, August 1988.)

Tenants will begin occupying the handsome revitalized building around February 1, 1989.

Santa Comes To Babyland



Santa came to town and found lots of hugs from his special friends at Babyland III. (See pages 9 and 12)

Cooperation Provides Compassionate Help To Children With HIV Infection

Gwendolyn I. Long, M.A., Program Director, Department of Human Services here at New Community was wearing a huge smile recently, and for good reason. An article she had written with three other professionals had been published in the November-December 1988 issue of Social Work.

The article, entitled **Children With HIV Infection: Collaborative Responsibilities of the Child Welfare and Medical Communities**, represented many hours of

of New Jersey; Theodore J. Allen, M.S.W., Central Regional Administrator, Dept. of Human Services, DYFS; and Mary Tasker, M.S.W., Social Worker, AIDS Resource Foundation for Children, New Jersey.

Perhaps the most important thing about their paper was the positive cooperation it revealed here in New Jersey to provide these tiny victims with compassionate care outside a hospital setting. The collaborative efforts of the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), and the Children's Hospital AIDS program (CHAP) of New Jersey are detailed. Such collaboration represents a significant change in approach and may help to break down territorial boundaries that get in the way of provision of critical services to both HIV infected children and their parents.

It is an enlightenment of hope to all.

Congratulations.



Ms. Gwendolyn I. Long

research and compilation on a subject of primary importance in view of the steady rise of HIV infected children.

Ms. Long's co-authors were: Mary G. Boland, R.N., M.S.N., Director AIDS Program, Children's Hospital

Contributions To New Community Corporation

If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact the Development Office at (201) 623-2800 ext. 206.

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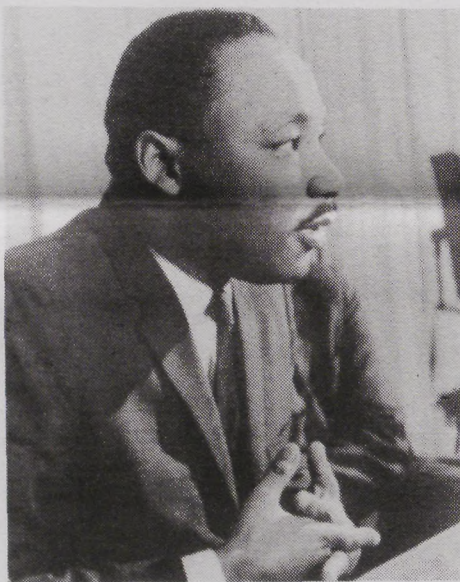
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In Memory Of Martin Luther King Jr. January 16th



He marched for freedom and equality. He spoke out against injustice and prayed for peace throughout the world. His words and deeds touched all Americans, and we're proud to remember the man as he lived, his wisdom, his vision, his dream.

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Supermarket Update



Assistant Director of Development Larry Goldston watches the demolition progress at the site of NCC's Pathmark.

Babyland Christmas Luncheon



The Babyland Christmas luncheon was enjoyed by board members, staff and invited guests. Pictured here are (left to right): Georgia Ransome, Mary Smith, Jeanne Gibbons, Pat Chisolm and Soledad Alston.

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NCC Joins Colgate-Palmolive For Affordable Housing In Jersey City

New Community Corporation joined with Colgate-Palmolive Company and Jersey City Mayor Anthony R. Cucci to break ground on January 4 for affordable housing being built through a unique public-private partnership.

The groundbreaking ceremony focused on a model unit which will be constructed on a vacant city-owned land located in the Ocean-Bayview neighborhood of Jersey City. The model — forerunner of an 83-unit affordable housing development — is expected to be completed by late February. Future construction will take place on adjoining sites along Ocean Avenue and on other sites located in Jersey City.

All units will be three-bedroom townhouses targets for families with annual incomes of \$15,000 to \$25,000. New Community will design, construct and market the units. The first phase of the projects will be under the supervision of the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency; the second phase will be under the supervision of the City of Jersey City.

"We at the New Community Corporation are excited about this opportunity to provide affordable housing in Jersey City," said Msgr. William J. Linder. "We have put together a top-notch development team and built on our past experience to develop a program which provides top quality, extremely affordable housing units. This housing will not only help to revitalize the neighborhoods in which they will be located, but serve as a source of pride for prospective owners

as well as existing neighborhood residents. It is anticipated that this development can serve as a stimulus for the development of privately owned lots in these same neighborhoods."

New Community was asked by Colgate-Palmolive to become its partner in this housing venture. Based on NCC's record of accomplishments, Colgate-Palmolive determined the partnership would enhance "responsible, rapid development and the ongoing success of its affordable housing program."

Colgate-Palmolive called NCC "one of the most highly respected and largest non-profit developers of affordable housing in the country."

Because of its commitment to neighborhood revitalization NCC will establish a permanent office and work with local neighborhood groups to assure local involvement in the Jersey City program. NCC has already begun meeting with local Jersey City organizations, such as the Heights Neighborhood Housing Services, and has received favorable responses and encouragement.

Colgate-Palmolive will finance construction of the model unit. The company also intends to provide subsidies for the entire 83-unit housing development as part of the linkage program for its proposed waterfront development. The State of New Jersey is also expected to participate through its Balanced Housing Program. Subsidy funds from these sources will make the units affordable to low- and moderate-income families.



NCC's Development Director Ray Codey (top of the stairs) conducts a walking tour of New Community's condo development project for some members of the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency.

Msgr. Linder To Attend Ditchley Foundation Conference

Msgr. Wm. J. Linder, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church in Newark and a founder of New Community Corporation has been invited to attend The Ditchley Foundations Conference on Urban Regeneration at Ditchley Park in Enstone, Oxfordshire, England on January 27, 1989.

The Ditchley Foundations carry on a program of 13 conferences annually. The meetings are attended by about 35 distinguished individuals from business, government, labor and

hand and citizens of the United States of America on the other." In order to accomplish this the Foundation promotes the discussion, study and better understanding of matters of common interest to the British and American peoples, with the participation of other nationalities as is judged useful in relation to particular topics, according to the Ditchley Foundation's official publication.

The first Anglo-American conferences were held at Ditchley early in 1962. Two years later the American Ditchley Foundation was formed under United States law with similar purposes and more especially to help the work of the original Foundation in Britain. The Council, Governors, Officers and Directors form a distinguished group of accomplished people from all facets of life.

The Ditchley Foundations through a series of twelve or thirteen conferences a year gather together in total about 450 participants, of whom 150 or so are from the United States and about 100 from other countries. Those attending are selected from private and public sectors, including politics, government, business, finance, academic life and the information media.

The Foundations have no political objective. The people who support them from both sides of the Atlantic represent a wide range of interests and opinion and believe in an exchange of problems which affect each other throughout the world. By meeting in a quiet setting people concerned with the formation of opinion in the U.S., Britain and other countries have the opportunity to discuss, study and learn about the great issues and difficulties facing their countries.

Through these personal links dialogues are begun which reach across national boundaries and continue long after meetings at Ditchley have disbanded.



Msgr. William J. Linder

the professions, principally from the United Kingdom, North America and Continental Europe.

The focus of this conference will be on the future of the cities and the problems faced along the way including disappearance of industry, housing changes such as gentrification and the cycle of poverty faced by the poor inhabitants of inner cities.

The Ditchley Foundation was incorporated in the United Kingdom on February 24, 1958. Its principal object is "to promote, carry out or advance any charitable objects, and in particular any branches or aspects of education, likely to be for the common benefit of British subjects on the one



NCC Director of Development Ray Codey points out some of the improvements made at the rehabilitated Sussex Avenue apartments to the Jersey City group as Assistant Director Larry Goldston looks on.

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All of us are likely to have problems with our feet, but diabetics may develop serious problems more quickly and have more complications, especially when circulation or nerves are impaired. When circulation is poor, the tissue in the foot is less able to fight infection. When nerves are impaired, an injury can occur without pain and, as a result, may go unnoticed.

The key for the diabetic is to view all foot problems as potentially dangerous and to prevent them or seek podiatric care as soon as they occur.

Problems of Juvenile Diabetics

Cuts, scrapes, blisters, and puncture wounds are a part of childhood. To prevent such injuries, diabetic children should always wear some kind of footwear. If foreign bodies such as splinters become lodged in the foot, or if an infection or puncture wound occurs, the child should be treated promptly by a professional.

Ingrown toenails can cause infections which tend to be especially severe in diabetic children. To treat the problem, the podiatrist may drain the infected area, relieve the pressure, prescribe an antibiotic, and recommend special home care to help the infection heal. If the child suffers repeated infections, surgery may be necessary to prevent the nail from becoming ingrown again.

Athletes foot is a fungal infection common in young people. If it or other skin rashes are not promptly treated, secondary bacterial infections that require vigorous treatment with antibiotics may develop.

Structural changes in the feet of normal children also occur in the feet of children with diabetes and these problems can be far more serious because the disease causes changes in the nervous system. These changes in turn may prevent the child from experiencing or expressing pain or discomfort and will require evaluation on a continuing basis to prevent serious bone and joint changes as the child grows.

Problems of Adult Diabetics

Concerns of adult and maturity-onset diabetics are somewhat different from children. Foot problems neglected in youth cause more problems, and can be compounded by circulation disorders and changes in sensation (diabetic neuropathy).

Poor circulation often happens as we get older, but complications can occur earlier in life. Chronically tired or painful feet may mean circulation is poor. Symptoms such as numb, tingling, cold, or blue feet and swelling that will not go down, indicate poor circulation. Cramping may occur at night, during rest, or while walking a short distance. Smoking and stress usually increase the severity of these symptoms. An examination by a podiatrist will reveal any circulatory deficiencies.

Diabetic neuropathy can cause insensitivity or a loss in the ability to

Dr. Kenneth
Frank

Podiatrist



feel pain, heat, and cold. If precautions are not taken, a hot bath can be a potential for a burn. Position sense is also often lost with neuropathy, so the feet strike objects in their path. Diabetic neuropathy can also affect the muscles of the feet, causing deformities such as hammertoes.

When insensitivity is present, serious problems, such as ulcers and gangrene, can occur without pain. The infection may go unnoticed and appropriate care be delayed until too late. By the time the trouble is discovered, amputation may be necessary to save the person's life. Daily observation of the feet is necessary by the diabetic or a responsible family member or other party.

Ulcers can be caused by lack of blood circulating to the foot, lack of soft-tissue protection, excessive callous tissue, infection, and pressure points caused by deformities. Some causes of injury and ulcers are: wearing ill-fitting shoes; performing "self surgery;" applying electric heating pads or hot-water bottles; and using ingrown-toenail and some corn remedies. If the circulatory response is adequate, most diabetic ulcers can be healed if diagnosed and treated early.

Skin changes in the foot can be caused by diabetes. Dehydration is common since the diabetic usually has less natural lubrication than the nondiabetic. Fissures and cracks in skin develop and itching can become severe. Scratching can cause breaks in the skin that may become infected. Dryness can be helped by using a good skin cream daily on every part of the foot except between the toes.

Important Care

1. Have your feet professionally examined at least twice a year.

2. Wash your feet daily and dry them well. Always wear clean socks or hosiery.

3. Inspect your feet daily. Check for redness, blisters, cuts or scratches, cracks between toes, discoloration, or any other change. Monitor minor abrasions, keep them clean, and treat with antiseptics recommended by your podiatrist. If you notice infection, change, or abnormality, notify your podiatrist promptly. Because diabetes may cause loss of feeling in your feet, regular inspection is essential. You could have an infection and not know it.

4. Avoid actions that restrict circulation to your feet, such as smoking, sitting with your legs crossed, and exposing your feet and legs to cold or heat, such as prolonged sunlight.

5. Avoid burns, including excessive sunburn. Do not put your feet in hot water or add hot water to a bath without testing the water temperature. Avoid hot water bottles and heating pads.

6. Use of over-the-counter corn cures should be avoided. These preparations contain acid and can destroy tissue. Once tissue is lost, you

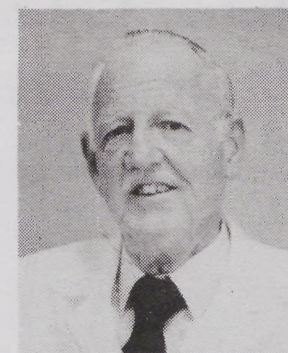
Reflections:

The Boys: From Birth To Death

The Boys — from both ends of the string. Recently, I was concerned with discipline of two tots. No question discipline is needed, even wanted by the child. How to apply it is another issue. We often rear our children the way we were reared. In many cases a good idea; in others — bad news.

I well remember the case of Judy Garland whose mother was an absolute tyrant, a mother who constantly threatened abuse and applied it and would lock Judy in the hotel room all day. How Judy Garland made it is a wonder, but she made an interesting comment. She vowed to spend at least ten minutes a day with her own child bestowing love and attention. It certainly worked.

Getting back to the boys. (The girls rarely present a problem.) I abhor the use of a paddle, belt, etc. to inflict pain. The palm of the hand across the fanny, once, is more than enough to reflect displeasure. Raising boys isn't easy but try to keep in mind that age of reason is seven years. Up to then,



Dr. Paul

Kearney

you mix love and discipline and you will be way ahead.

Now to the older boys — How much I am impressed that women **accept** and make better patients. Not so, the men. From all walks of life, executive on down, they have difficulty adjusting to being alone — a widower, or adjusting to the discipline say of a nursing home. They tend to feel sorry for themselves, and are an easy set up for some younger gal who has set out to feather her nest. I can think of one who nestled near a Golf Course resort and collected seven widowers one by one. Much better than playing the stock market. The boys were left clean having signed over all their assets.

It's a great world; but then again you can't take it with you.

FACTS ABOUT THE NEW COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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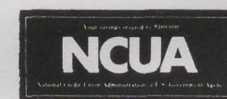
4. You can maintain savings account and pay your loan through payroll deductions.

5. You can consolidate your outstanding loans from other institutions through the Credit Union.

6. You can still maintain your membership with all the benefits after you leave the employment of the NCC Network, Gateway Cable or Community FoodBank.

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can develop breaks in the skin which can cause infection.

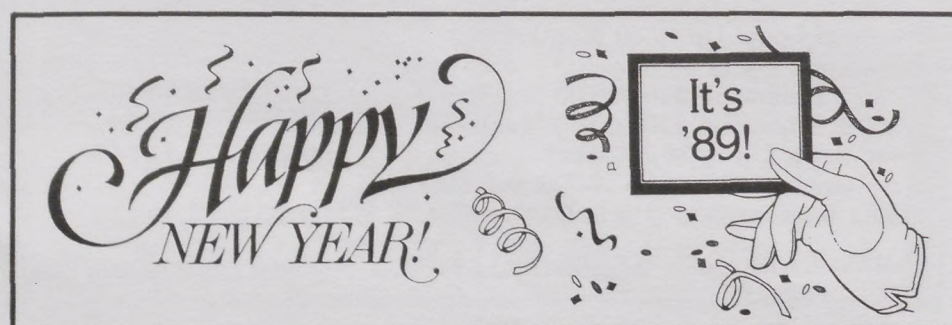
7. Prevent unnecessary cuts and irritations. Do not walk barefoot, wear run-down shoes or worn hosiery. Do not treat your own foot problems with sharp instruments or dig into the corners of your toenails.

8. When toenails are trimmed, be sure they are straight across, and not below the top of the toe.

9. Wear shoes that fit. The widest part of the shoe should match the widest part of your foot. The shoe should follow the natural outline of your foot and be snug, but not tight. In general, shoes should have a firm counter that will keep the foot in place in the shoe. The heel should give a wide base of support. There should be about three-fourths of an inch of space between the big toe and

the shoe. The toe box should be round and high to allow space for toe deformities. The upper portion of the shoe should be soft and flexible. The lining should be smooth and free of ridges, wrinkles, or seams. New shoes should be worn for short periods of time until they are proven and comfortable. Wear special shoes or have your shoes adapted to your feet if you have a deformity.

You should also keep in mind when seeing your podiatrist for treatment that he or she will recognize any change in your diabetes and will promptly recommend that you go back to see the doctor who is treating you for that condition. Often, this will result in your receiving necessary treatment earlier than would have otherwise been possible.



The Medicaid Quandry: A Conflict In Values

Reimbursement Provides A Starvation Diet For Nursing Homes

It is our belief at New Community that the dignity of people is not determined by their economic circumstances. This attitude is reflected not only in the provision of decent, safe housing for our residents but permeates all areas of services provided.

It is not always easy to act upon this belief however, especially in the provision of health care to the elderly

The building is a beautiful, modern facility located in an area of greatest need, with public transportation nearby for both employees and visitors. All but a handful of its residents are Medicaid recipients.

The problem begins with that statement. Since we do accept Medicaid patients reimbursements for our operating costs are determined by a schedule determined by the State.

be an important consideration in Newark but a minimal factor in another facility — yet both could be in the same region for rate determination by the Department of Human Services. Impact of garbage disposal increases (which have risen dramatically) enter into daily operating costs and must be considered.

High urban land cost and high construction costs mean that the interest and mortgage payments are substantially higher.

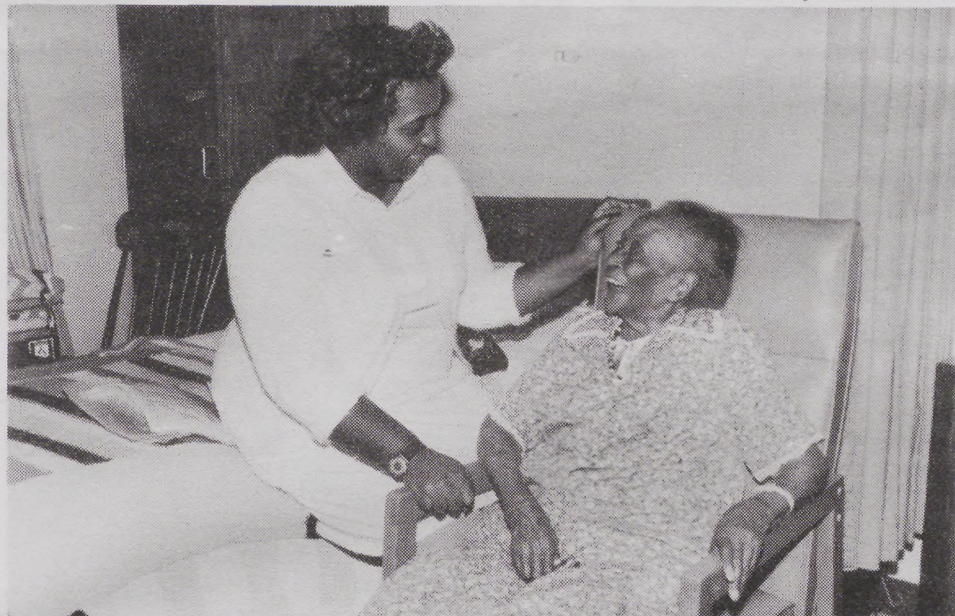
A high percentage of Medicaid residents, as in the case of NCC, limits the facility's ability to reflect unmet costs in the charges for private clients who could afford to pay more.

Recently a problem has arisen in regard to reimbursement covering nurses in nursing homes vs. hospitals. Medicaid would allow more for nurses in hospitals. Nurses would therefore apply for jobs in hospitals to support families with the higher



Extended Care Facility Staff members (left to right): Dr. Paul Kearney, Environmental Services Director Betty Garbutt, Receptionist Hilda Matos and S/O Diane Martin. These staff members represent a sample of the multi-faceted ECF services.

in hospitals for nursing care. Passage and implementation will take years. There must be a more immediate



Nurse Carrie Beamon and resident Delia Sanco enjoy the pleasure of one another's company at NCC's Extended Care Facility.

and poor, where the determination of funds rests with others. The New Community Extended Care Facility is an example of conflicting attitudes concerning limited income people in need of nursing services in their lives.

With such a high occupancy of Medicaid residents, the payments do not adequately cover the actual operating costs of the facility. Additional environmental costs enter the picture. Security, for example, would



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pay and nursing homes went begging.

Difficulties also arise with government mandated changes which are immediate as are the costs to implement them; but the provisions for coverage is not. For instance, changes in regulations determining proper care of residents sometimes require changes in staffing levels — dietary, nursing, and social services — which are expected to begin immediately, yet the money to pay for these positions will not be allocated until two years later by the present governmental process. Where is the money to come from in the interim?

At the present time bills have been introduced to change the determination of nursing cost reimbursement, recognizing the comparable pay scale factoring in of change to keep nur-

sing homes alive and well.

The whole concept of reimbursement must be carried a step further, beyond nursing, to address the numerous, varied components of the Medicaid rate. Recognition of the need for flexible rates to provide quality care not only according to regions but according to more specific local situations is called for.

The recognition of an increase to cover nurses is a beginning. We must also examine our overall attitude towards the elderly and those who are less fortunate. They did not ask to be poor. Do they not deserve an environment of warmth and caring in a helpless time in their lives.

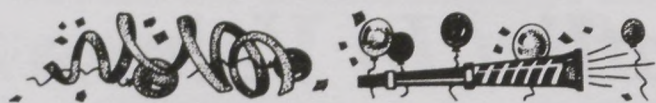
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Milestones of 1988 At



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NC Roseville Gardens rehabilitation completed.



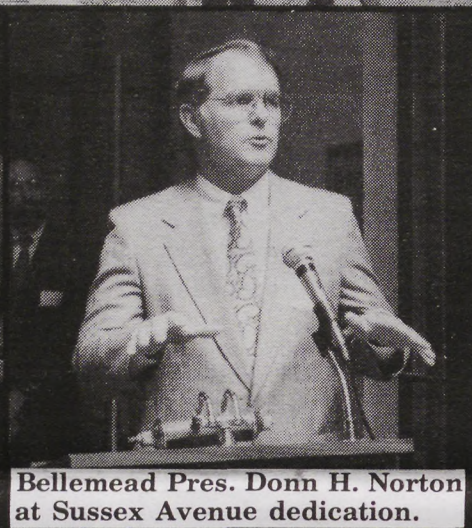
Supermarket demolition began.



Coretta King visited.



Voter registration a priority.



Bellemead Pres. Donn H. Norton at Sussex Avenue dedication.



Babyland celebrates 20th year.



AIDS infant daycare begun.



St. Rose Centennial International Night.



Freeholders award grant.



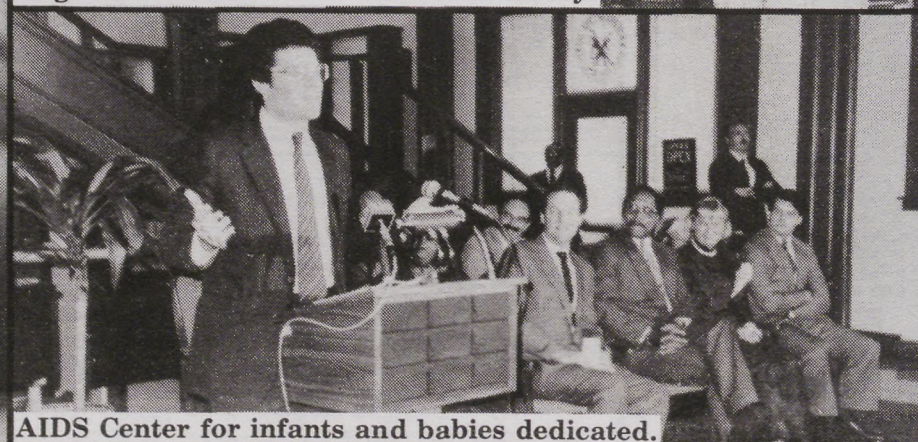
The Easter Parade.



St. Rose Academic Fair a first.

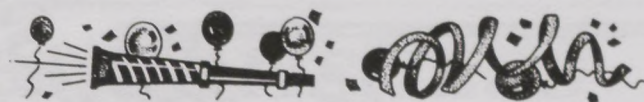


Msgr. Linder celebrates 25th Anniversary.



AIDS Center for infants and babies dedicated.

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Congressman Florio tours NCC.

NCC Employment Center

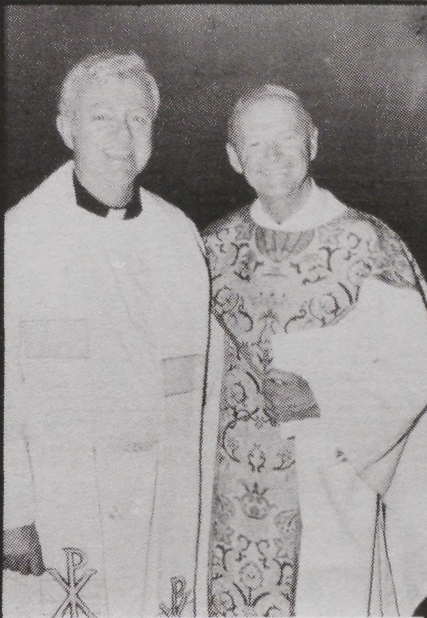
1475 Placements For 1988



Longtime employees honored at New Community.



Leadership Institute a success.



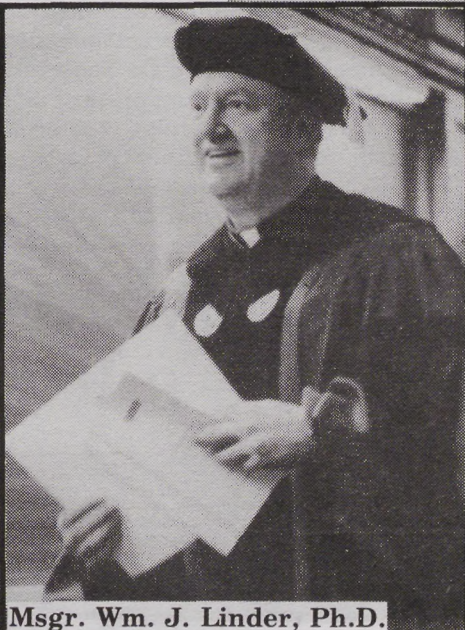
Msgr. Linder with Archbishop McCarrick at anniversary.



Newark Black Heritage Day Parade.



Senator Lautenberg visits.



Msgr. Wm. J. Linder, Ph.D.



Governor Kean and Mayor James plant tree at AIDS Center.



Flags of many nations at St. Rose Centennial opening liturgy.



Ground broken for Harmony House transitional housing.

Security Corner

Officer Of The Month

The Security Department of the New Community Corporation, in the opinion of many, has selected one of its finest Security Officers, Wilson DeJesus, Officer of the month, for December, 1988.

Security Officer DeJesus was chosen because of his loyalty and unselfish dedication to duty.

Officer DeJesus joined the New

Force assigned to SAC (The Strategic Air Command) as a Ground Equipment Repairman. As such, his job was the testing of electronic equipment for B-52 bombers, maintaining them and making certain they were functioning in excellent condition at all times. He was required to work 12 hours a day 6 days a week because of the Vietnam War.



Sister Catherine Moran and Sister Dolores Russo present S/O Wilson De Jesus with his Officer of the Month award.

Community Security force in March, 1984 and has served proudly and faithfully whenever assigned.

Born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, his family migrated to Brooklyn, New York when he was 3 years old, where he received his formal education.

He is a Vietnam Era Veteran, serving 4 years in the United States Air

Officer DeJesus was forced to return to Puerto Rico on a leave of absence due to the loss of his father earlier this year. During this period he stated that the thought occurred to him about seeking another line of work. It was at that moment he realized how much he enjoyed working for New Community. He stated

further, working for the corporation provided him with the respect, dignity, and the comradery as a security officer that he could not find anywhere else.

Security Director James DuBose said of Security Officer DeJesus, "he is the standard by which we measure all of our security, a very reliable and dependable security officer. We are

extremely gratified that he elected to return to our ranks after his brief leave."

Security Officer DeJesus was presented with a plaque in acknowledgement of his achievement from the N.C.C. Department of Security and the Katzins's Uniform Company of Newark, co-sponsors of the program.

Black History Notes

Jean Baptiste Pointe De Sable (1745-1818)

Chicago's First Settler

Researched By James E. DuBose

Records indicate that in 1772, a black man from Haiti, Saint Marc, Jean Baptiste Pointe Dessabler (French spelling) founded the city of Chicago.

On the north bank of what is now the Chicago River, Jean Baptiste Pointe De Sable erected a large cabin to which he later brought his wife and a small band of Indians from Pioria. De Sable continued to build other structures such as barns and storehouses while the Indians built their homes. Soon the settlement of "Eschikagou" as it was then called was firmly established.

It was here that De Sable's daughter, Suzanne, Chicago's first child, was born.

Popular legend has it that Chicago was founded by John Kinzie, a trader and speculator from Detroit. Historical evidence however, contradicts this legend. John Kinzie enters the true story of the founding of Chicago in 1800, when he served as a witness for De Sable who was selling his buildings and holdings in Chicago. The little settlement continued to grow and De Sable's home became the stopping place of virtually all traders coming to the area. He had immense influence on the Indians, the British and the French.

Yet over 170 years after his death,

the third largest city in the United States had little to commemorate its first settler. On a downtown building in the heart of the city's richest real estate, there was once a plaque which read in part, "Site of the first house in Chicago, erected about 1799 by Jean Baptiste De Sable, a Negro from Santo Domingo." The plaque was removed in 1927 and never replaced.

A Veteran Remembered

Lieutenant C.D. "Lucky" Lester, a black pilot, shot down three German fighter planes in a brief span of 4-6 minutes on July 18, 1944. For his valiant efforts, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The incident occurred while he, along with other members of the 332nd fighter group of the famed all black 99th pursuit squadron, encountered a formation of German Messerschmitt fighter planes. At the time, he was flying his red tailed P-51 Mustang "Miss Pelt". The unit was flying escort for a group of B-17 Flying Fortresses, on their way to bomb a German air field.

The 99th pursuit squadron, one of the country's best, earned a reputation of never having lost a bomber due to hostile enemy fighter planes.

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Roseville Seniors Club



At Your (Social) Service

by the Staff of NCC Social Services Department

Reading Is For Winners

"Yeah!" was the exclamation from Charles Holdens' mouth. He was excited December 13th — the day that the winners of the Reading Is Fundamental Poster Contest were announced. The judging of the posters, which were to be 18" x 24" in size and were to portray with as much color as possible, how much fun reading is, took place on the preceding Friday. Judges were selected from the Social Services and Health Services staff, and they scored the posters in the areas of creativity, amount of effort put into the posters, and the quality of the message that each poster portrayed.

In first place, winning a 3 piece soccer set donated by **Newark Health and Fitness'** new Sporting Goods Department at 150 Halsey Street, was Charles Holden, a fifth grader at



RIF poster contest 1st prize winner Charles Holden and 3rd prize winner Rory Smith.

Newton Street School. In addition to the soccer set, Charles won a five dollar discount for any pair of sneakers at **108 Sneaker**, located downtown on Market Street. "Read it — it's Fun" was Charles slogan, and he showed some important instances where reading is crucial — instances like driving and reading street signs.

The second place winner was Abdul Hudson, also a fifth grader at Newton Street School. Abdul's very colorful poster earned him a Prang Crayon Wallet filled with 48 colors of the rainbow. This gift was donated by **Art Supplies of South Orange**, located on Sloan Street in South Orange. Abdul also won a five dollar discount at 108 Sneaker.

In third place was the third grader Rory Smith, who also attends Newton Street School. Her hard work helped her to win a plush polar bear toy donated by **NCC Social Services**, and a five dollar discount at 108 Sneaker.

Additionally, all of the young contestants won yo-yo's and certificates just for giving it their best shot.

The contest now moves out of the hands of the NCC After School Program up to the national level. Charles' poster has been sent to RIF Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he will compete with the best posters in the nation. The national winner will win a free trip to Washington, D.C. and a \$500 savings bond. Wouldn't that be a thrill for Charles!

A great big thanks goes to the people at 108 Sneakers, Newark Health and Fitness, Art Supplies of South Orange, and NCC Social Services for generously donating the wonderful

Outstanding Student

December's outstanding student in the NCC After School Program is a Newton Street School second grader, Shakeita Holden. "Shakeita is consistent. She comes every day and always finishes her homework promptly," said Mrs. Bertha Brown, Shakeita's tutor. Shakeita is also very enthusiastic about getting involved with various arts and crafts projects. Most recently, she painted a "Shakeita-size" Santa Claus during recreational time.

We are proud of you, Shakeita, for your great work, and we hope that your good attitude will rub off on other youngsters in the program.

Scott Santarosa

NCC Youth Choir Sings At UMDNJ

"We were all a little nervous, I think, as we stepped up on stage." Those were the words of Scott Santarosa, one of the directors of the NCC Youth Choir. The stage he spoke of was the one at the center of the dance floor at the Dec. 14th staff party at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. "But after the first line or two of Jingle Bells, we were fine," Scott added. "After UMDNJ's Jimmy Dunn heard the choir sing at the tree lighting on December 1st at 140 S. Orange Avenue, he invited us to sing for their party," said Yolanda Curry, co-director of the choir. "We were thrilled."

The choir sang "Jingle Bells," "Deck the Halls," and "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful." Then the youngsters snacked on the bountiful spreads of holiday treats. A D.J. was there, too, and dancing kept many of the youths quite excited and very animated.

UMDNJ is just across South Orange Avenue for many of the young singers, so in many ways the little trip resembled an old-fashioned caroling party. It was great, too, for the youngsters to see that doctors, nurses, and other hospital staff like to celebrate at Christmas time. Meanwhile, the hospital staff enjoyed both the singing and the lively dancing of the NCC youth choir.

All in all, it was an enriching holiday exchange.

What's Up?

"The Youth Department is holding its annual fundraiser. This features the basketball battle between the NCC All-Stars and the 98.7 FM Kiss Kards on February 25, 1989. Get psyched!!

**The NCC Basketball League is set to start in January sometime. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for further info.

prizes. Also, thanks to the judging personnel and to Mowbrey McKinley-Green for her help in organizing the event. With involvement at a high in this 4th Annual contest, we should be proud of our young artists and reading enthusiasts!

Scott Santarosa

Kids Enjoy 78th Division Party

While December 3 may have found many of us not quite in the swing of the Christmas spirit, the spirit of the holidays was in full force at the Headquarters of the 78th Division of the U.S. Army Reserve.

Located in Edison, New Jersey, the Sergeant Joyce Kilmer Reserve Center was the site of the twentieth annual Christmas party for various local childrens' groups. Representing the youth of New Community Corporation, fifteen youngsters, chosen for their involvement in the After-School Program, the Small Frys basketball team, the Double Dutch team, the cooking class, or the Youth Council, went to the festive event.

The party began with the Army Band playing various Christmas songs and carols while favorite cartoon characters talked and played with the kids. Following this the youngsters enjoyed delicious cake and ice cream while "Smilin' Josh" entertained with jokes and magic tricks. Finally, the event came that all of the children had been waiting for — the arrival of Santa Claus came and he was loaded with gifts for everyone. The kids tore into their beautifully wrapped presents and the room was buzzing with excitement.

The van trip home was a quiet one, yet the smiles on the childrens' faces screamed of the fun that had been had by all.



The 78th Division of the U.S. Army Reserve hosted a wonderful Christmas party for some of NCC's youngsters.

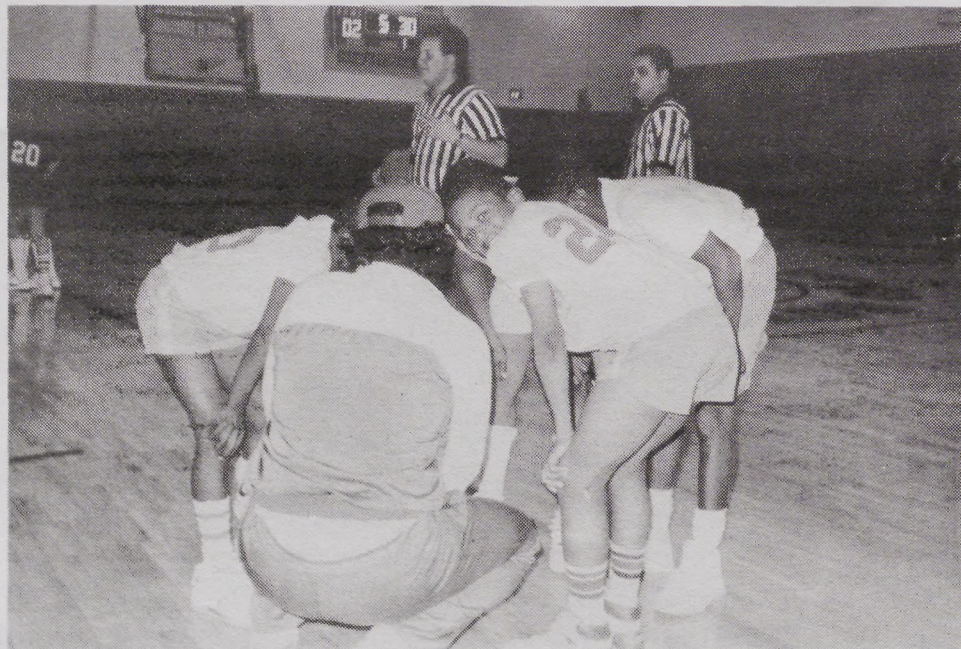
Small Frys Start Anew

The Newton Street Small Frys are "hooping" into another season, and what a sight they are! They have already played teams like Elliot Street School, and they are looking to play many more teams this season.

While their win-loss record may not be in quite the shape that they would like, the team is loaded with talent and is learning to put that talent to offensive and defensive work. "As long as the kids have fun — they really have a great time out there, and I love to watch and help them," said Eladio Negron, their coach.

The Newton Street squad would like to give a special thanks to Fr. Nickas of St. Rocco's Church. He generously donated enough funds so that the Small Frys could purchase new jerseys. "The guys are really proud to be a part of a team, and the new jerseys really help them identify themselves as members of one," Coach Eladio added.

It is truly inspiring to see such excitement for athletics in our youth, and it is as thrilling to see adults like Fr. Nickas help nourish that excitement.



The Newton Street Small Frys receive some pointers from Coach Eladio Negron during a recent game.

🎵 Sounds Of The Season 🎵



"Fa La La La"...and other songs of good cheer were sung by everyone, young and old, in many languages throughout NCC.

All around New Community the sounds of voices rejoicing and proclaiming the Birthday of our Lord were heard.

The fine tuned voices of St. Rocco's School Chorus opened the month of festivities with a roundelay of holiday classics at the Annual Social Services tree lighting at 140 South Orange Ave. and also performed at NC Associates on December 8th at 11 a.m. and NC Gardens, December 16th.

Once again, the Newark Boys Chorus Apprentice Group, which has doubled in size from last year's 12 students to 26 members today made special appearances singing in a

variety of languages at NC Douglas on Friday, December 9th and at NC Commons on December 12th.

Do you like to dance? Well, you could do that too. Thanks to the Newark Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs feet were stamping at NC Roseville, Tuesday, December 6th, NC Gardens, Tuesday, December 13th, NC Manor Tuesday, December 20th, and NC Associates on Tuesday, December 27th.

To round it all out there was an annual Holiday performance by the children of the St. Rose Chorus and play group on Sunday, December 18th, in the School Hall and on Tuesday, December 20th, a very special performance was presented for the residents of NC Manor in their Community Room.

Joyce Cook

All Aglow Inside And Out

The annual tree lighting ceremony at 140 South Orange Avenue was highlighted by the members of the NCC after school program who led the group in the singing of carols before the blessing of the tree by Msgr. Linder. The enthusiastic group even joined in repeating each line of prayer that was spoken, giving a sense of community, a unity in everything. When Mr. Chaneyfield gave the signal, "Let there be light" three times before the lights came on, it seemed to fit in with the emphasis and repetition that had already been set and it began the laughter and cheerfulness that followed inside.

While outside the tree looked bright and cheerful, inside offered another treat of seeing a Christmas tree in every room along the way to the refreshments and entertainment following the ceremony.

Under the direction of Tony Randall from St. Rocco's a spirited medley of Christmas songs followed, including solos by John Fleming, a senior and "Smiley," one of the youngsters. The warm hospitality of Commons Seniors completed the enjoyment of the event and stirred the Christmas spirit in everyone.

Sr. Kay Coll



The tree lighting at 140 So. Orange Avenue included a blessing by Msgr. Linder and caroling by the After School Program participants.

A Day Of Thanksgiving And Appreciation

On November 25th the Arts and Crafts Club sponsored a post Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Many seniors enjoyed a delicious meal, in a friendly atmosphere. To some it was the best dinner they had had for a while. The former manager, Madge Wilson was invited. To her surprise, she was given a plaque from the Seniors. Mrs. Wilson had pictures taken with several seniors, and also enjoyed the dinner. It was a doubly

happy occasion; it was really a day of giving thanks for the good that had been done.

No one pleases everybody, but we are grateful to those who try to make a day more pleasant for others. Hats off to the officers and members of the Arts and Crafts Club — Ellen Watson, President; Luredean Mitchell, Secretary; Willie Sharpe, Treasurer.

Phyllis Burton



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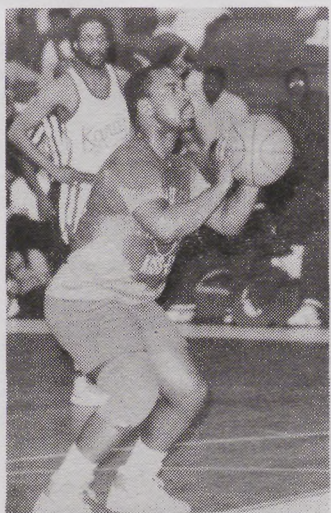
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NCC's Madge Wilson (center) was presented a plaque of appreciation by the Seniors for her dedicated past service as manager.

Oh, What A Happening!



Santa makes a point about children trying to be good ALL year long to an attentive Babyland III audience.

Smiling faces, joyful sounds, the excitement of expectation...all of this pervaded the halls of **Babyland III**. Why? Because on this day, December 16, 1988, Santa Claus visited us.

All morning you could hear little voices volunteering bits of information such as, "Miss Jenkins, Santa is coming." "Sister Marie, I've been good." "I listened when Miss Donna read our story." "I didn't touch the walls." "My mommie says that I'm good." "I ate my breakfast."

On Monday Khalil, who comes to school with his set of car keys each day said, "Sister Marie, I let Tijuan hold my keys today." Now **that** that was very special since he keeps them in his pocket as daddy does. No one

really knows that he has them. Daddy is a car salesman and a strong role model.

Santa visited every room. Our NCC photographer added that celebrity touch. Several parents were present, recording these great history making moments.

If you were not with us on this momentous occasion, just drop by any day and you will see smiling faces. You will hear happy sounds and last but not least, you will experience the wonderment of young children interacting with loving, dedicated, **Caregivers**.

Sister Marie Infanta Gonzales
Center Supervisor



Santa visits one of the many groups of children at Babyland III.

Thank You For The Music



Plan Your Future Well Because You Have To Live It

Your future involves what will happen to you in a period of time to come. It encompasses: your pattern of work and work-related activities that may develop throughout your lifetime; work roles that may affect other life roles, such as being a parent and a responsible citizen; where you may live and the friends you may make; how much education you may get and the amount of money you may earn; your values, goals, and interests.

Planning your future may help you to prepare for and build the life you desire, thus consideration might be given to your abilities and values in life. Abilities influence how well a person may learn to perform certain activities, and may affect a person's principles and qualities of intrinsic worth that are desirable, and play a very important role in the quality of life one may experience. One's interests, like one's actions, reflect one's values and may help toward the achievement of those values. Many people base their choice of desired occupation on their interests, but their occupational performance and satisfaction depends to some degree, on how much their work relates to their interests. It has been observed that most people do better and are happiest in work that fits their interests, abilities, and values.

Now, a plan is a method of doing something to achieve a specific end or state of existence, while a future has to do with a state of being at a later period of time — what one would like or expect to experience. Plans are usually made with: some goal in mind; some desired state of existence to be attained; some benefit to be acquired; some ongoing program or project in which to be involved. In many of the things we daily do, consciously or unconsciously, in some manner and to some extent, plans are made. We plan our day; organize our efforts to accomplish the chores and duties we desire, etc. In considering what we would like to do for our life's work, we make plans, or should. These plans should take into account needed preparation and prerequisites for the desired work; what the work involves; the degree of interest one has in the work; the relationship of the work to one's values; and the volume of demand for the work.

Essential to the making of plans for life's work is the planning for an education; for the direction in which education starts a person, to a great degree, influences his future. Contrary to the conception of many, education begins early at home with the parents. Proverbs 22:6-15 advises, "train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." This presupposes that the parents are responsible worthy role models and competent instructors. As far as parents have the tools and ability they should instill in children right attitudes; the ability to discern and choose the truth; be honest in all things; know the difference between right and wrong; and to love through being loved.

The plans one makes may be contingent upon the kind of future one desires, so it may be incumbent: to know as much as possible about the arena of life one seeks and in which one elects to contend; to inventory one's academic and intellectual resources, talents, skills, abilities and personality as everyone is not equally suited nor equal in ability for the same type of activity. It is beneficial for one to seek the help of guidance counselors and people in the chosen field of work in which one is interested; one may find that he prefers physical work rather than mental travail or vice versa.

People who fail to plan their future or fail to plan their future well may find themselves more prone to being restricted to low-pay jobs, confined to sub-standard housing; consigned to bare necessities; unable to afford needed health care; poorly able to provide for self and family members; relegated to living day by day with no promising future to ascribe to.

The future you plan well may be but a dress rehearsal for an even more laudible future beyond. There is one future that all of us would do well to plan for, and that is the plan for everlasting life in the world to come. In Jeremiah 29:11 God tells us where we can get that plan, "plans I have for you...plans for good...to give you a future."

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Thank You For The Gifts

